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## TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States exports of domestic and foreign merchandise from \$1,256.4 million in April to \$1,178.3 million in May reflected lower exports to all continents except Africa and South America. The decline in general imports from \$1,024.4 to \$1,017.7 million during the same period resulted from decreased imports from the continents of Asia and North America.

Exports, including special category commodities, to E.R.P. countries rose from \$421.1 million in April to \$484.9 million in May while imports from these countries increased from \$171.9 to \$177.4 million. Exports, including special category commodities, to the Latin American Republics fell from \$321.5 to \$309.8 million and imports from these countries dropped from \$303.3 to \$291.5 million during this same period. Meanwhile, exports, excluding special category commodities, to the Sterling area countries dropped from \$178.9 to \$157.7 million while imports from these countries decreased from \$227.1 to \$216.6 million.

Exports to Asia, the continent registering the largest decrease from April to May, dropped from \$217.6 to \$173.8 million, excluding special categories. This decline reflected important decreases in exports to Japan from \$73.1 to \$50.1 million and India from \$37.6 to \$30.8 million. Exports to North America also showed a sizeable decrease, falling from \$415.8 million in April to \$395.2 million in May. Decreases occurred in exports to Cuba, which fell from \$52.9 to \$40.8 million and Canada, which dropped from \$263.4 to \$255.6 million. The decline in exports to Europe from \$386.4 million in April to \$366.8 million in May was accounted for chiefly by the decrease in exports to the United Kingdom from \$69.6 to \$54.8 million. However, exports to Italy and Sweden showed sizeable advances during this period, rising from \$62.5 to \$72.2 million and from \$8.7 to \$15.4 million, respectively.

From April to May, exports to Australia and Oceania decreased from \$16.3 to \$9.7 million largely as a result of a decline in exports to Australia from \$13.1 to \$8.0 million. The increase in exports to Africa from \$48.2 million in April to \$58.7 million in May reflected a rise in exports to the Union of South Africa from \$24.6 to \$28.9 million and Egypt from \$4.8 to \$8.1 million. Exports to South America advanced slightly from \$172.1 million in April to \$173.9 million in May. Exports to Brazil rose from \$45.9 to \$54.5 million while exports to Venezuela dropped from \$45.5 to \$38.4 million during this period.

Imports from Asia declined from \$199.4 million in April to \$179.5 million in May, representing the largest decrease in imports from any continent during this period. The most noticeable decreases in imports from countries of this continent were as follows: British Malaya from \$35.2 to \$24.7 million, Afghanistan from \$9.2 to \$2.6 million and India from \$32.2 to \$25.9 million. Meanwhile, imports from Japan rose from \$17.4 to \$26.8 million. During this period imports from North America dropped from \$309.1 to \$302.0 million, largely as a result of decreases in imports from Cuba from \$41.2 to \$33.0 million and Nicaragua from \$6.8 to \$2.8 million. However, imports from Canada rose from \$191.3 to \$202.2 million. From April to May, imports from Europe advanced from \$181.8 to \$189.4 million. Imports from Finland rose from \$2.3 to \$8.4 million while imports from Norway increased from \$3.1 to \$8.2 million.

Imports from Africa advanced from \$69.5 million in April to \$76.4 million in May. Imports from Nigeria rose from \$5.1 to \$9.0 million and imports from the Belgian Congo increased from \$3.7 to \$7.0 million while imports from Egypt fell from \$19.7 to \$12.9 million. Imports from South America during this period rose from \$202.0 to \$207.4 million chiefly as a result of a rise in imports from Colombia from \$13.2 to \$27.2 million. From April to May, imports from Australia and Oceania remained at about the same level.

¹All figures which follow in text exclude special categories. Country of destination detail is not reported in export statistics for special category commodities beginning July 1950, for security reasons. For certain areas, export totals include special categories, as mentioned in the text above and as shown at the beginning of the table on page 3. Export figures for other areas and countries represent total exports less exports of special category commodities. See September 1950 and March 1951 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for further explanation and lists of special category commodities.

## Coverage

Export statistics include, with certain exceptions, data on all shipments of merchandise to foreign countries from continental United States, Puerto Rico, and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii. They do not include shipments to the United States armed forces abroad for their own use. Import statistics include, with certain exceptions, data on imports of merchandise from foreign countries into continental United States, Puerto Rico, and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii. Neither the import nor export statistics include shipments between continental United States and its territories and possessions, or between the territories and possessions. See Foreword to Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States for complete statement.

None of the export or import figures has been adjusted for changes in price level.

## FOREIGN TRADE REPORTS OF THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

Summary reports showing monthly data on the trade of the United States with foreign countries are issued as follows:

- FT 900 Overall total export and import data; no commodity or country data.
- FT 930 Exports and imports by economic classes and leading commodities; no country data.
- FT 950 Exports and imports by countries of destination and origin; no commodity data.
- FT 970 Foreign trade by United States Customs Districts; no commodity or country data.
- FT 972 Water-borne foreign trade by United States Customs Districts and ports; no commodity or country data.
- FT 973 Water-borne foreign trade by trade areas; no commodity or country data.
- FT 975 Entrances and clearances of vessels by United States
  Customs Districts; no commodity or country data.
- FT 976 Department of Defense controlled cargo under United States foreign aid programs and 'Special Category' non-Department of Defense controlled cargo exported by vessel, by port of lading; no commodity data.
- FT 981 Shipping weight and dollar value of merchandise laden on and unladen from vessels at United States ports during the intransit movement of the merchandise from one foreign country to another; no commodity or country data.

Additional detailed commodity and country data are available in the form of other FT reports. A catalog of such reports may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION AND UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS

(Value in millions of dollars. General imports are a total of importa for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. N.e.s. indicates not elsewhere specified.)

Exports General imports											
Continent and country <sup>1</sup>	May 1951	April 1951	May 1950	Monthly average 1950	May 1951	April 1951	May 1950	Monthly average 1950			
Total trade including Special Categories1	21,350.5	31,373.9	828.8	856.1	1,017.7	1,024.4	659.1	737.6			
E.R.P. countries E.R.P. participating dependencies.	484.9 43.9	421.1	234.9	263.7 36.1	177.4 87.8	171.9 83.6	83.7 65.2	105.0			
Other Europe	23.1 264.5	23.5 269.6	10.7	11.3	18.7	17.6 191.3	14.5 167.5	15.4 163.3			
Latin American Republics	309.8 224.3	321.5 297.8	206.0 154.8	226.5 148.5	291.5 240.1	303.3 256.7	206.8 /	242.7 143.6			
Total Special Categoriea 1	172.2 149.9	117.5	31.1 16.8	52.7 39.3	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
Type 2	22.3	17.3	14.4	13.4	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX			
Net total excluding Special Categoriea <sup>1</sup> E.R.P. countries	1,178.3	1,256.4	797.6 224.3	803.4 234.8	1,017.7	1,024.4	659.1 83.7	737.6 105.0			
Latin American Republics Sterling erea countries	300.0 157.7	311.2 178.9	199.4 95.4	218.8 105.6	291.5 216.6	303.3 227.1	206.8 118.7	242.7 133.5			
North America	395.2	415.8	294.1	284.4	302.0	309.1	263.5	258.6			
d Greenland	(*) 255.6	(*) 263.4	(*) 187.1	(*) 166.3	202.2	0.2 191.3	0.1 167.5	0.1 163.3			
d Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands	(*) 60.6	(*) 61.1	0.1 35.7	(*) 42.5	(*)	(*)		(*)			
<sup>a</sup> Guatemala	3.8	4.1	4.1	3.6	26.5 4.6	29.0 5.2	26.6 4.0	26.6 4.5			
b,d British Honduras <sup>a</sup> El Salvador	0.4 3.7	0.2 4.0	0.3	0.3 2.7	0.2 4.7	0.1 8.0	0.1	0.2			
a Honduraa	2.7	2.7	2.3	1.9	3.2	2.9	2.3	1.7			
a Nicaraguaa Costa Rica	1.8 3.0	2.2	1.5	1.5	2.8 2.1	6.8	2.5 2.2	1.6			
<sup>4</sup> Panama, Republic of	4.0 2.9	4.0 2.3	14.1	9.2 1.9	0.9	1.2	0.8 0.2	0.8			
b,d Bermuda	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.7	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)			
<sup>b,d</sup> Bahamas Cuba.	0.9 40.8	0.9 52.9	0.4 30.7	0.6 38.0	0.1 33.0	0.1 41.2	0.1 36.6	0.1			
<sup>b,d</sup> Jamaica	1.1	1.5	0.5	0.7 2.1	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2			
a Dominican Republic	2.5	4.3	1.6 2.9	3.4	2.6 5.0	1.9 3.1	1.9 3.4	1.9			
<sup>b,d</sup> Leeward and Windward Islands <sup>b,d</sup> Barbados	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4 (*)	0.1	0.1 (*)	(*)			
b.dTrinidad and Tobago	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.5 5.8	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.8			
dFrench West Indies	(*)	4.7 0.1	0.4	0.2	12.6	13.0	12.1	(*)			
South America	173.9	172.1	102.3	112.3	207.4	202.0	125.4	163.5			
aColombiaa Venezuela	20.7 38.4	22.2 45.5	22.8	19.1 32.7	27.2 30.8	19.2 26.0	13.3 23.3	26.1 27.0			
<sup>b,d</sup> British Guiana <sup>d</sup> Surinam	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1			
dFrench Guiana	(*)	1.0	(*)	0.6	1.1	1.3	0.7	(*)			
<sup>a</sup> Ecuador <sup>a</sup> Peru	2.8 9.7	3.8 9.6	1.9	2.3 5.9	2.2 7.5	2.6 6.2	2.6 3.2	2.9			
<sup>a</sup> Bolívia. <sup>a</sup> Chile.	3.3	3.8	1.2	1.6	2.2	3.9	1.1	2.9			
<sup>a</sup> Brazil	16.2 54.5	13.3 45.9	5.8 20.9	5.9 28.6	22.0 68.6	27.6 64.5	16.2 45.1	13.3 59.6			
<sup>4</sup> Paraguay	0.4 6.3	0.4 7.2	0.3 2.1	0.3	0.9 14.8	0.8	0.5 3.5	0.5 8.8			
ه Argentina ه، Falkland Islanda	20.2	19.0	10.9	11.8	30.0	32.9	15.9	17.2			
Europe	(*) 366.8	386.4	230.6	(*) 241.0	189.4	181.8	94.6	(*)			
b,c Iceland	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.4			
cSweden	15.4 8.4	8.7 9.4	6.1	8.1 5.8	7.7 8.2	6.7 3.1	5.9 2.7	5.9 3.4			
CDenmarkb.c.united Kingdom	6.3 54.8	7.2	4.7 27.1	4.6 42.6	1.6 45.8	1.0 43.1	0.6 24.1	1.0 27.9			
b,cIreland (Eire)	5.5	69.6 4.9	2.3	3.7	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.2			
Netherlanda Belgium and Luxembourg	29.1 27.3	34.0 32.1	24.1	18.7	10.1 19.5	10.5	5.8 11.9	7.0			
Germany.	36.6	41.3	23.2	27.9	28.0	26.3	6.5	11.0			
CAustria	40.8	12.7	38.1	36.7 8.8	21.2	18.2	4.9 0.7	1.4			
Czechoslovakia	0.1	0.1	1.4	0.9	2.1 0.2	2.1 0.4	2.3 0.1	2.2			
<sup>c</sup> Switzerland Finland	17.0	15.1	9.2	10.7	10.2	11.9	7.4	9.2			
Eatonia	1.8	1.8	2.2	1.6	8.4	2.3	2.2	(*)			
Latvia Lithuania								(*)			
Poland and Danzig	(*)	(*)	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.3	0.9			
U.S.S.R. (Russia)	(*)	(*) (*)	0.1	0.1	1.6	2.2 0.1	3.6 (*)	3.2 0.1			
Spain° Portugal	7.2 4.3	4.4	2.3	3.6 2.7	4.1	7.4	4.1 1.1	4.3			
8.d Gibraltar	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1				(*)			
C Italy	1.0 72.2	0.2 62.5	0.1 33.6	0.2 28.4	0.1 10.9	1.1	0.6 5.8	0.3 9.1			
<sup>c</sup> Free Territory of Trieste	0.7	3.2	1.2	1.0	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)			
Albania	12.8	16.9	(*)	(*)	1.2			(*)			
C Greece	10.7	13.8	(*)	7.6 0.2	2.2 0.1	2.0	(*)	(*)			
Bulgaria		\* <u>`</u>	(*)	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.2			
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			General imports						
	Exports				Communication of the Communica				
Continent and country <sup>1</sup>	May 1951	April 1951	May 1950	Monthly average 1950	May 1951	April 1951	May 1950	Monthly average 1950	
Asia	173.8	217.6	134.1	125.5	179.5	199.4	123.1	141.6	
<sup>c</sup> Turkey	6.8	5.7	4.2	4.9	6.8	8.9	4.2	5.1	
Syria	2.3	2.7	0.8	0.8	4.4	3.4.	0.2	1.0	
LebanonbIrsq (Mesopotamia)	1.6	3.0	2.9	2.3	0.8	1.6 2.1	0.4	0.4 1.0	
Iran (Persia)	2.8	6.1	2.4	2.8	4.9	3.7	1.0	2.0	
Israel and Palestine	6.8	11.4	6.9	7.7	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.7	
b,dKuwait	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	2.5	(*)	3.5	(*)	
Saudi Arsbia	3.6	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.7	3.8	1.8	2.0	
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.s	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	
o.dAdcn	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*) (*)	(*)	(*)	· (*)	
Afghanistan	0.3	1.1	0.2	0.3	2.6	9.2	1.6	1.8	
India	30.8	37.6	28.3	17.7	25.9	32.2	17.0	21.6	
Pakistan	4.2	2.0	2.1	2.5	6.2	5.8	3.6	2.6 5.5	
©Ceylon. Burma.	3.1	0.2	0.7	0.5	2.4	3.9 0.1	(*)	0.1	
Siam (Thsiland)	4.3	5.9	1.5	2.1	10.0	12.6	` 5.1	6.3	
French Indochina and French India	2.5	2.3	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.9	
b,d British Malaya	15.3	5.5 15.8	1.5	1.6	24.7 19.5	35.2 19.6	22.0 7.1	25.8 13.1	
Republic of the Philippines	24.0	27.2	21.5	19.6	30.3	31.2	21.6	19.7	
<sup>4</sup> Portuguese Asia	0.1	0.2	(*)	0.1	0.2	0.1	(*)	0.1	
S. and S. E. Asis, n.e.s	(*)	(*)	0.6	(*)	(*) 2.9	(*)	11.1	(*) 12.1	
Manchuria				0.7				0.1	
Korea (Chosen)	0.8	4.3	3.9	1.9	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2	
b, dHong Kong. Taiwan (Formosa).	3.6	1.0	6.7	8.6 1.9	0.7 0.5	1.0 0.7	0.5	0.5 0.3	
Japan	50.1	73.1	35.7	34.7	26.8	17.4	17.2	15.2	
Australia and Oceania	9.7	16.3	9.3	11.1	63.0	62.7	15.0	17.3	
<sup>b</sup> Austrslia	8.0	13.1	5.9	8.4	62.0	58.3	13.1	11.8	
New Guines	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)		(*)	
New Zealand	0.7	2.8	2.9	2.2	0.8	4.3	1.8	5.4	
b,dBritish Western Pscific Islands	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*) 0.4	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)	
French Pscific Islands	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)	. (*)	
Africs	58.7	48.2	27.2	29.1	76.4	69.5	37.6	41.0	
dFrench Morocco	2.7	2.0	2.1	1.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	
Tangier	0.7	1.7	0.5	0.9	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	
dAlgeris	1.7	2.0	1.0	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.4	
<sup>d</sup> Tunisia Libya	(*)	1.0	(*)	0.5 (*)	0.2 (*)	0.1 (*)	0.4 (*)	(*)	
Egypt	8.1	4.8	3.3	2.7	12.9	19.7	0.3	4.5	
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	
Canary Islands	0.9	0.1	0.1 (*)	0.5 (*)	(*) (*)	(*) (*)	0.1	(*)	
Cameroon	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.5	0.8		0.1	
French Equatorial Africa	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.4	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	
dFrench West Africa	1.2	0.6	1.3 0.3	1.1	2.3	0.1 8.5	0.3 5.4	0.3 5.1	
Nigeria	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.5	9.0	5.1	4.9	2.9	
"British West Africa. n.e.s	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	
Madeira Islands	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 0.6	0.3 3.2	0.2 0.6	0.2	0.2 1.1	
Western Portuguese Africs, n.e.s	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Liberia	0.9	1.0	0.5	2.0	2.6	4.4	1.0	1.7	
Belgian Congo	5.8	(*)	3.1	3.3 (*)	7.0 0.2	3.7 0.4	5.3 0.1	3.8 0.1	
Eastern Italian Africa Ethiopia	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	2.3	2.6	0.8	1.0	
French Somaliland	0.2	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)		(*)	
b,dBritish Somaliland	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*) (*)	0.1	0.1	( <del>*)</del> (*)	(*)	
b. Seychelles and Dependencies b. Mauritius and Dependencies	0.1	(*)	(*) (*)	(*) (*)			(~)	(*)	
"British East Africa	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	2.0	3.5	2.7	2.1	
Mozambique	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6 0.3	0.3 0.7	
Madagsscar	0.2	24.6	0.2	10.0	0.8 12.8	0.3 15.0	10.9	11.8	
Northern Rhodesis	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	3.9	1.6	0.8	2.5	
b.d Southern Rhodesia	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.4	1.2	(*)	
o,d Southern British Africa	(*)		(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)		()	

a Latin American Republics.
b Sterling area countries.
c E.R.P. countries.
d E.R.P. participating dependencies.

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\*Indicates less than \$50,000.
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²Includes \$129.2 million exports under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program (\$124.1 million to E.R.P. countries).
³Includes \$82.6 million exports under the Mutual Defense Assistance Program (\$45.6 million to E.R.P. countriee).